



Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Fish and Wildlife Commission

Preliminary Meeting Agenda
FEBRUARY 26-27, 2016 – REGULAR MEETING

Natural Resource Building – 1111 Washington Street SE Olympia, WA 9851
First Floor – Room 172

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2016

- 8:00 AM** **1. Call to Order** *15 min*
 a. Commissioners' Discussion
 b. Meeting Minute Approval
- 8:15 AM** **2. Open Public Input** *45 min*
The Commission is a direct link between the citizens of Washington and the Department of Fish and Wildlife. Comments on Department programs and topics of concern are welcome during this portion of the meeting.
NOTE: During this portion of the meeting, the public is encouraged to comment on issues that do not already have public input time on the agenda.
- 9:00 AM** **3. Director's Report** *45 min*
The Director will brief the Commission on various items.
- 9:45 AM** **4. Periodic Status Review (Northern Spotted Owl, Snowy Plover, Western Gray Squirrel, and Greater Sage-grouse) – Decision** *20 min*
Department staff will request approval from the Commission on the Periodic Status Reviews compiled for these four state listed species.

Staff Report: Penny Becker, Diversity Division Manager, Joseph Buchanan, Natural Resource Scientist, Derek Stinson and Gary Wiles, Wildlife Biologists
- 10:05 AM** **Break** *15 min*
- 10:20 AM** **5. Lands 20/20 – Briefing** *40 min*
Department staff will provide a briefing on the lands 20/20 process and the list of projects approved through the 2015 Lands 20/20 process; the Department will seek funding for projects approved in the Lands 20/20 process.

Staff Report: Cynthia Wilkerson, Lands Conservation and Restoration Section Manager and Lauri Vigue, Lands 20/20 Acquisition Coordinator
- 11:00 AM** **6. Puget Sound Clam and Oyster Seasons – Briefing and Public Hearing** *15 min*
Department staff will brief the Commission on proposed season changes for clams and oysters on Puget Sound public beaches.

Staff Report: Philippa Kohn, Intertidal Bivalve Program Manager

Public Input – This Item Only

- 11:15 AM** **7. Puget Sound Commercial Smelt Quick Reporting - Briefing and Public Hearing** *20 min*
- Department staff will provide the Commission a briefing on proposed permanent rules for quick reporting on Puget Sound commercial smelt fisheries.

Staff Report: Dayv Lowry, Ph.D., Research Scientist

Public Input – This Item Only

- 11:35 AM** **Lunch** *1 hr
25 min*

- 1:00 PM** **8. Hood Canal Chum Management Review – Briefing and Public Hearing** *60 min*
- Department staff will provide the Commission with a briefing on methodology used for evaluation and in-season updating of Hood Canal chum run size for use in commercial fishery management.

Staff Report: Laurie Peterson, Puget Sound Salmon Manager and Kirt Hughes, Fishery Planning, Modeling, Regulations, and ESA Response

Public Input – This Item Only

- 2:00 PM** **9. Executive Session** *60 min*
- Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency.

No action will be taken in executive session, and the public is not permitted to listen to the executive session.

- 3:00 PM** **Recess**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2016

- 8:00 AM** **10. Open Public Input** *30 min*
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- 8:30 AM** **11. Grays Harbor Salmon Management Policy Review – Briefing and Public Hearing** *60 min*
- Department staff will present an annual review to the Commission on the Grays Harbor Basin Salmon Management Policy (C-3621) as set in the Adaptive Management objectives of the policy

Staff Report: Steve Thiesfeld, Region 6 Fish Program Manager and Mike Scharf, Fish Biologist

Public Input – This Item Only

9:30 AM 12. Willapa Bay Salmon Management Policy Review – Briefing and Public Hearing *60 min*

Department staff will present an annual review to the Commission on the Willapa Bay Basin Salmon Management Policy (C-3622) as set in the Adaptive Management objectives of the policy.

Staff Report: Steve Thiesfeld, Region 6 Fish Program Manager and Chad Herring, Fish Biologist

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10:30 AM 13. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief *60 min*

The Commission will discuss items that arise immediately before or during the meeting and after the preliminary agenda is published.

11:30 AM Adjourn

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Current Term: 01/01/2015 - 12/31/2020

Larry Carpenter, Vice-Chair, Mount Vernon
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David Graybill, Leavenworth
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Term: 06/10/2013 – 12/31/2018

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(At-large position, Okanogan County)
Occupation: Okanogan Outreach Associate, Conservationist
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Robert Kehoe, Seattle
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Conrad Mahnken, Ph.D., Bainbridge Island
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Occupation: Retired fisheries biologist
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Kim Thorburn, MD, MPH, Spokane
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